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1. The First Chairman of the SED Landesverband Berlin, Hans Jendretsky, is preparing the following significant measures to activate party work in Berlin:
 - a. A large number of veteran party members in the Soviet Sector now in positions of major importance will replace members of the Western Sector party headquarters from Kreis level up. This move is calculated to give experienced, trained members the opportunity to invigorate party work in the western sectors.
 - b. In order to have a sufficient number of reliable party members available when needed, the reassignment of positions in the party and the Soviet Sector city administration and zonal administration is under consideration. Party members discharged from municipal positions in the western sectors may not be hired for such jobs in the Soviet Sector. The SED Central Secretariat has relinquished claim to such party members even for police duty. All such unemployed party members are to hold themselves ready for special assignment within the Landesverband.
 - c. For special propaganda and agitation activity in the western sectors, suitable, tested members of the Communist Party, USSR are to be assigned. They will appear at first in the western sectors as lecturers and as discussion leaders.
2. The latter measure is still under discussion in top SED circles, and is possibly not yet finally approved, but the program is apparently under way. At the Revolution Celebration in Kreis Wilmersdorf, Berlin (British Sector) [REDACTED] the chief speaker was a Russian who appeared not as a SMA representative but rather as a Communist Party member. Only the functionaries were informed that he was from the Soviet Communist Party. His name was given as Günther Hoffmann. He spoke with a very slight Russian accent on the lessons to be derived from the Russian and German revolutions. The delivered speech was dialectically and rhetorically outstanding, making an excellent impression on the audience.

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Comment: It is assumed that the top direction of the SED had at last realized the deplorable condition of the party in the western sectors, and has determined to do something about it. That they hope to build a reliable apparatus

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for eventual revolutionary activity is clear from these and other measures reported in the last few weeks. It is equally clear they feel that they have a period of weeks, if not months, in which to prepare the apparatus. The impression is given that recent changes in the top level of the SED have resulted in clearer thinking and more positive action. The streamlining of the party will probably progress more rapidly in the coming weeks than heretofore.)

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